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**NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE  
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☐ Note attached communication from the Examiner - 2211

☐ This notice is issued in view of applicant's communication filed \_\_\_\_\_

SERIES CODE/SERIAL NO.	FILING DATE	TOTAL CLAIMS	EXAMINER AND GROUP ART UNIT	DATE MAILED
08/636,286	04/23/96	015	YARNELL, B	3311 05/27/97
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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD FOR THE LASER TREATMENT OF SUBSURFACE BLOOD VESSELS

ATTY'S DOCKET NO.	CLASS-SUBCLASS	BATCH NO.	APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	FEE DUE	DATE DUE
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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 4/21/97
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-15
4. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☐ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
  - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 2. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
  - d. ☐ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment             | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413 | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawings PTO-948       |
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### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not teach a method for destroying blood vessels or veins located at a selected depth below the dermis using a combination of (i)a laser with a wavelength between 700 nm to 1100 nm, (ii)a pulse with a fluence of between 5 J/(cm)<sup>2</sup> and 100 J/(cm)<sup>2</sup>, and (iii)a pulse duration of between 0.2 milliseconds and 100 milliseconds.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bryan Yarnell whose telephone number is (703) 308-3173. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5 pm. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer Bahr, can be reached on (703) 308-0858. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-3139.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0858.



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